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SUBJECT: BRITISH OPINION CONTINUES TO SWING IN FAVOR OF
EC MEMBERSHIP

REF: LONDON 3557

1. OPINION POLLS IN THE UK SHOW A SIGNIFICANT SWING IN
FAVOR OF STAYING IN THE EC.

2. ACCORDING TO AN OPINION RESEARCH POLL PUBLISHED IN
THE "EVENING STANDARD" ON APRIL 18, SIXTY PERCENT OF
THOSE ASKED SAID THAT THEY WOULD VOTE IN FAVOR OF
STAYING IN IF THE REFERENDUM WERE HELD NOW. TWENTY-EIGHT
PERCENT SAID THEY WOULD VOTE "NO", AND TWELVE PERCENT
SAID THAT THEY "DON'T KNOW". A POLL TAKEN BY THE SAME
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ORGANIZATIONIN LATE FEBRUARY (REFTEL) SHOWED FORTY-EIGHT

PERCENT IN FAVOR, THIRTY-FOUR PERCENT OPPOSED, AND EIGHTEEN PERCENT "DON'T KNOW". SINCE THE EARLIER POLL, RENEGOTIATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND THE GOVERNMENT HAS RECOMMENDED CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP. THE RESULTS OF THE LATEST ORC POLL COMPARE CLOSELY WITH THOSE OF A GALLUP SURVEY PUBLISHED A FEW DAYS EARLIER.

3. IN THE LATEST ORC POLL, SIXTY-ONE PERCENT OF THOSE ASKED SAID THAT THEY ARE "ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN" THEY WILL VOTE IN THE REFERENDUM. THIS IS A SLIGHT DECLINE FROM THE SIXTY-FOUR PERCENT WHO WERE "ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN" IN THE FEBRUARY POLL.

4. WE ARE FORWARDING THE DETAILED RESULTS OF THIS POLL BY AIRGRAM.
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